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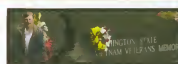
WFSE/AFSCME salutes...



Our stewards

A highlight of the 2011 WFSE/AFSCME Shop Steward Conference May 21-22 was the Shop Steward of the Year banquet honoring outstanding stewards. "They understand the long days, the sleepless nights, the worry, the life interrupted," WFSE/AFSCME Carol Dotlich said. The nominees on hand to receive recognition were (from left): **Randy Kurtz**, Local 948; **Angie Simpson**, Local 53; **Jesse Dailey**, Local 1488; **Kay Halpain**, Local 1221; **Kandy Kraig**, Local 1221; **Carol Van Arnam**, Local 1299; **Tom Tucker**, Local 313; **Paulette Thompson**, Local 53; and **Margaret McDonald**, Local 843. Also nominated: **Marci Douglas-Bumgarner**, Local 1060; **Claude Burfett**, Local 341; **Yousef Fahoum**, Local 443; **Anna Guzman-Zaragoza**, Local 1299; **Linda Ripke**, Local 573; and **Mary "Chevy" Zarate**, Local 1299.

To see who was selected the "Shop Steward of the Year" for 2011, turn to page 3.



Veterans

WFSE/AFSCME members who served in the armed forces may not be aware of the wide benefits open to them. See page 8.



Activists

As interpreters vote on first-ever contract, we spotlight more members in action.

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State found guilty on supplemental bargaining charge

The Public Employment Relations Commission has found the state guilty of an unfair labor practice over supplemental bargaining in General Government.

The union last year attempted to have separate tables to bargain agency-specific issues that sometimes get pushed aside in bargaining over the full contract at the master table.



Local 443 Information Services member **Jeff Paulsen** with an iPad message that's a sign of our times.

A PERC hearing examiner ruled June 3 that the state's reluctance to bargain based on a "contentious and acrimonious" experience in previous supplemental bargaining constituted interference with employee rights. That condition amounted to a "threat or promise of benefit associated with the exercise of protected rights," the ruling said.

Under the ruling, the state must not condition future bargaining on its previous experience bargaining with one agency.

On a second issue, the examiner ruled the state's reluctance to bargain agency-specific issues at separate tables was not evidence of a refusal to bargain.

Each side had 20 days to appeal the ruling.

Scholarship winners 2011

Opportunity knocks

Meet this year's four recipients of WFSE/AFSCME's Norm Schut and Younglove & Coker scholarships

Opportunity knocks for the daughters of three WFSE/AFSCME members in Spokane, Wenatchee and Indianola and for a DSHS member from Bellevue.

They are recipients of the union's \$5,500 in annual scholarships awarded every time this year.

"We were in complete shock," said **Johnna Boren**, Spokane Local 1221, the mother of **Dayle Boren**, winner of the union's \$2,500 Younglove & Coker Scholarship.

"I was shocked as well," Dayle said. "I got the letter and realized I was one out of 75 who applied – that's crazy!"

The Younglove & Coker Scholarship is made possible by a generous grant from the union's longtime outside law firm of Younglove & Coker.

The WFSE/AFSCME Women's and Equal Partners



Younglove & Coker Scholarship winner **Dayle Boren** (right) with her mother, **Johnna Boren**, Local 1221, outside their Spokane home. The \$2,500 award will help Dayle as she enters Eastern Washington University in the fall.

Committee serves as the scholarship selection committee for the three Norm Schut awards and the Younglove & Coker scholarship.

Committee members have the difficult task of choosing from many worthy applicants.

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IN MEMORIAM: Laura Saint, the longtime Lakeland Village Local 573 activist and WFSE/AFSCME staffer who played an instrumental role in the milestone attendant counselor reclassification in 1990, died May 4 in Spokane. She was 57.

Saint became a WFSE/AFSCME area representative in 1993 and, in 2002, a field supervisor based in Spokane. After leaving that job in September 2004, she returned to Lakeland Village before retiring.

It was as a Lakeland Village member that Saint chaired the committee that won significant pay increases to reflect the work taken on over the years by 1,800 attendant counselors in the state's residential habilitation centers. At the time, in 1990, attendant counselors were the largest job class in state government and about 10



Laura Saint in 2002 (left) and chairing the Attendant Counselor Committee in September 1989 (right).



percent of WFSE/AFSCME's membership.

"All RHC attendant counselors should remember what she accomplished for them," said former WFSE/AFSCME President Duwane Huffaker, who worked with Saint at Lakeland Village and Local 573 in Medical Lake.

Saint was the first woman elected Local 573 president.

"As a local president, she was a strong, effective leader for our members," Huffaker said.

Saint also served on the union's Strike Action Commit-

tee for the union's first-ever strike settled in members' favor 10 years ago this month.

"The 2001 strike was a significant historic achievement by our members," Huffaker said.

Between her Lakeland Village and WFSE/AFSCME careers, Saint was also an AC manager at Rainier School in Buckley and member of Local 491.

Her family suggests contributions to the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery or the Humane Society.

Where's this worksite?

Tell us where this worksite is and which WFSE/AFSCME members work there. Send your guesses by e-mail to tim@wse.org or regular mail: Editor, 1212 Jefferson St. S.E., Suite 300, Olympia, WA 98501. Include your name and mailing address. Deadline: July 10. The first 10 readers with the correct answer who include their name and mailing address will receive a prize.



Answer to the last "Where's this worksite?"

The last mystery worksite was the WorkSource office in Ellensburg where Employment Security members of Local 1301 work. The one reader with the correct answer was **Don Meseck**.



SHARED LEAVE REQUESTS

Lois Johnson, a social worker 4 with DSHS Home and Community Services in Vancouver and a member of Local 313, is having surgery on her right foot. Recovery time will take eight to 10 weeks. Contact: Your human resource office.

Christina Trachi, a residential/student life counselor at the Washington State School for the Blind and a member of Local 1225, is in need of shared leave as she cares for her husband who suffered a severe heart attack. Contact: Your human resource office.

Treca Young, a residential/student life counselor at the Washington State School for the Blind and a member of Local 1225, is in need of shared leave as she recovers from back and neck surgery. She is immobilized under 24-hour care. Contact: Your human resource office.

Bruce Erickson, an institution counselor 2 at Western State Hospital and a member of Local 793, has been approved for shared leave. He has exhausted all leave because of serious issues with diabetes, heart problems, multiple knee injuries and a knee replacement. Contact: Tina McDonald, (253) 361-3361.

Margaret Silva-Perry, a secretary-supervisor for the Medicaid Administration in Olympia, is in need of shared leave for a serious medical issue. She will be off work two to six weeks and able to work a limited

time after that. Contact: Michael Otter-Johnson, (360) 725-1979.

Su Le, a social worker 2 with DSHS in Olympia and a member of Local 443, is in need of shared leave as he recovers from a severe medical condition. Contact: Your human resource office.

Lori McCown, a brand control specialist with the Department of Agriculture in Olympia and a member of Local 443, has been battling breast cancer. She is in need of shared leave. Contact: Julie Walker, (360) 725-5762.

Milosia Wilson, a health insurance benefits specialist with the state Health Care Authority in Lacey and a member of Local 443, has been approved for shared leave. Contact: Oanh Pham, (360) 923-2881.

Lisa Pearson, an environmental engineer 3 with the Department of Ecology in Lacey and a member of Local 443, is in need of shared leave to help her through this stage of her battle with a brain tumor. She is the single mother of two young children. Contact: Kim Cross, (360) 602-6240 or kcross461@ecy.wa.gov.

Pam Deking, a PBX and telephone operator at Lakeland Village in Medical Lake and a member of Local 573, is in need of shared leave to care for her seriously ill husband. Contact: Your human resource office.

Valerie Guerrero, a health insurance benefits specialist with the state Health Care Authority in Lacey and a member of Local 443, has been approved for shared leave. Contact: Oanh Pham, (360) 923-2881.

John O'Laigue, a WorkFirst program specialist at the DSHS Aberdeen Community Service Office and a member of Local 970, has been approved for shared leave because of a serious medical condition. He has exhausted all leave. Contact: Your human resource office.

Darci Stone, a financial services specialist 3 with the DSHS Statewide Call Center based in Clark County and a member of Local 313, has been approved for shared leave because of a serious medical condition. Contact: Your human resource office.

Amalia (Mali) Ramirez, a social worker 3 with DSHS at the Home and Community Services office in Sunnyside and a mem-

ber of Local 1326, is in need of shared leave because of surgery and recovery. Contact: Your human resource office.

Diana Jones, an unemployment insurance specialist 3 with the Employment Security Department in Olympia, has been approved for shared leave as she copes with the death of her daughter, Ashley Davis-Jones, who also worked for ESD. Contact: Your human resource office.

Eilani Wright, a financial services specialist 3 with the DSHS District 6 Call Center in Lewis County and a member of Local 862, has been approved for shared leave because of a serious medical condition requiring surgery. Contact: Your human resource office.



A MEMBERS ONLY BENEFIT FOR WFSE/AFSCME members and their families!

Peter Barabasz, a financial services specialist 3 at the DSHS Sky Valley Community Service Office in Snohomish County, has been battling cancer for the past two years and has exhausted all leave. He is in desperate need of shared leave so he can attend weekly chemotherapy treatments and be at home to recuperate. Contact: Your human resource office.

Susan Elliott, a financial services specialist 3 with the Working Connections Child Care in Clarkston and a member of Local 1300, is in need of shared leave because of an incapacitating health condition that severely impacts her ability to work full time. She's exhausted all leave. Contact: Your human resource office.

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CORRECTION:

In the May Washington State Employee article on Workers' Memorial Day, we mistakenly

wrote that Local 793 member Larry Thompson, who had been injured in an assault by a patient, filed charges against the "worker." The sentence

should have read: "Thompson filed charges against the patient." We regret the error.

OPPORTUNITY & AWARDS

SCHOLARSHIPS, from page 1

This year's four scholarship winners:

Norm Schut Scholarships

This year's Norm Schut Scholarships have a special significance because they are the first awarded since Schut died in March. Schut was WFSE/AFSCME's first executive director from 1952 to 1974. He dedicated much of his post-union life to higher education as a member of a community college board of trustees.

Three Norm Schut Scholarships

For information on WFSE/AFSCME's scholarships: www.wfse.org > Member info > Scholarship Information

This year's three winners are:

- **Elissa Smith**, daughter of **Valerie J. Smith**, a rehabilitation technician 1 with the DSHS Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in Wenatchee and a member of Local 1299.

Elissa graduated from Wenatchee High School this month where she compiled a 3.7 grade point average, was a member of the National Honor Society and Art Club, played on her school's volleyball team all four years (the last two years as captain), was business editor of her yearbook, was a member of the Art Club and was an Apple Blossom Top Candidate for 2011.

She plans to attend Western Washington University and study psychology and family development.



WENATCHEE: Norm Schut Scholarship winner **Elissa Smith** (right) with her mother, **Valerie J. Smith**, a member of Local 1299.



BELLEVUE: Local 843 member **Jerry Abraham**, a 2011 Schut Scholarship winner.

"I'm really excited and grateful" for the Schut Scholarship, she said.

"It's going to help out a lot," Valerie Smith said. "School is not cheap these days."

- **Jerry Abraham**, a social worker 3 with the DSHS Division of Children and Family Services office in Bellevue and a member of Local 843.

"It's definitely an honor to know there were so many applicants and I was chosen" Abraham said. "It's validating the work I'm pursuing."

He's working towards a graduate degree in counseling from Seattle University to continue his life-long goal of making a difference in the lives of children and families in tough times.

"I am very passionate about sticking up for the less fortunate," Abraham wrote in his scholarship application.

- **Kayla Raines**, daughter of **LeAnne Raines**, a lead vocational rehabilitation counselor with the DSHS Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in Silverdale and a member of Local 1181.

Kayla also won a Schut Scholarship in 2010.

She's finished her freshman year at the University of Idaho where she's compiled a 3.84 GPA. Kayla is aiming for a degree in business management and human resources. Her goal after that: law school.

"I was really excited" about winning the 2011 award, she said. "Any finan-



INDIANOLA: Schut Scholarship recipient **Kayle Raines** (left) with her mother, Local 1181 member **LeAnne Raines**.



SPOKANE: Younglove & Coker Scholarship recipient **Dayle Boren** (right) with mother **Johnna Boren**, Local 1221.

cial help is really helpful. I got it last year so I'm really thrilled to be selected again."

Kayla graduated from Kingston High School in 2010 where she, too, was a member of the National Honor Society. The family lives in Indianola, north of Poulso on the Kitsap Peninsula.

"I was really happy and proud of Kaela," LeAnne Raines said. "This is a big help for us."

Younglove & Coker Scholarship

Winning the 2011 Younglove & Coker Scholarship for \$2,500 is:

- **Dayle Boren**, daughter of **Johnna Boren**, a WorkFirst

program manager with DSHS in Spokane and a member of Local 1221.

Dayle is graduating this June from Rogers High School in Spokane and headed to Eastern Washington University in Cheney. Her goal is to become an obstetrician/gynecologist.

"I know that this will take many years of hitting the books, getting good grades, being determined and dedicated," she wrote in her scholarship application.

At Rogers, Dayle has been student body vice president, cheerleader captain, an A-Team Link Crew leader (who helps new freshmen transition to high school) and a member of the National Honor Society.

She compiled a 3.6 GPA.

CRIPPEN GRANTS

Thirteen WFSE/AFSCME members have won Neville B. Crippen Grant-in-Aid Awards for Spring Quarter 2011.

The Crippen Grants are quarterly awards to help members advance their education or improve their skills.

Awards generally range from \$100 to \$200.

For an application, go to www.wfse.org > Member Info > Scholarship Info.

Applications are due at least 30 days before a course begins.

The grants are named after Neville B. Crippen, the union's first president who had led the fight to create WFSE/AFSCME.

The grant is overseen by a subcommittee of the WFSE/AFSCME Women's/Equal Partners Committee.

The Spring 2011 recipients:

Tambria Bendickson, Local 491, Rainier School, Buckley; **Melissa Burgess**, Local 313, DSHS, Seattle; **Blaise Carney**, Local 1488, University of Washington, Seattle; **Antonio Gallegos**, Local 443, DSHS, Olympia; **Rachael Lindstedt**, Local 443, Health, Tumwater; **Christina Merten**, Local 304, Ecology, Bellevue; **Kate Monzelowsky**, Local 443, DSHS, Lacey; **Tyrone Mosley**, Local 948, DSHS, Lynnwood; **Robert Peters**, Local 53, DSHS, Tacoma; **Michelle Robinson**, Local 443, DSHS, Tumwater; **Rose Stauffer**, Local 1300, DSHS, Colfax; **Latrice Wilson**, Local 843, DSHS, Seattle; and **Julia Zavodov**, Local 304, Renton Technical College.

SHOP STEWARD OF THE YEAR AWARD

Kandy Kraig, a 33-year state employee and longtime WFSE/AFSCME member of Spokane Local 1221, has won the union's 2011 Shop Steward of the Year Award.

"This brings me to tears," Kraig said in accepting the award May 21 in SeaTac. "This is an honor to be selected in this manner."

Her nominator cited her mentorship of other members and stewards in Local 1221 and the DSHS Division of Child Support office in Spokane, where she's a support enforcement officer 3.

The award came during a banquet ceremony at the end of the first day of this year's Shop Steward Conference.

Kraig said she tries "to make a difference for a legacy for others that come behind us, making sure that people know that the members are the most important asset we have as the state of Washington."



Kandy Kraig of Local 1221 (left) receives WFSE/AFSCME's 2011 "Shop Steward of the Year" Award May 21 from WFSE/AFSCME President **Carol Dotlich** (right).

'They're quality people'

A community rallies behind their beloved safety net employees

Kevin McMurry and his colleagues at the DSHS Community Service Office (CSO) in South Bend aren't the "nameless, faceless bureaucrats" depicted by so many who don't know their facts.

In fact, their neighbors in this coastal town in southwest Washington known for its oyster processing have rallied around the six CSO staff members (plus a custodian) as a vital lifeline in a community that's often isolated from the rest of the state.

In its push to consolidate, DSHS let it be known that the South Bend CSO was among several smaller sites around the state that could be closed and folded into larger offices in bigger cities.

At a May 13 community meeting in the chambers of the Pacific County Board of Commissioners, one resident



South Bend CSO staff after May 13 community meeting at the Pacific County Courthouse. From left: Jennie Niemczek, LuAnn Adams, Arthur Ruger, Cathey McMurry, Marsha Stigall and Kevin McMurry.



Pacific County Commissioner Jon Kaino (left) confers with South Bend CSO Local 970 member Kevin McMurry.

who said she had a severe mental disability said the South Bend CSO has made a big difference in her life.

"I would have been lost in the system long ago if it hadn't been for Kevin," she said.

CSO supporters – including clients, businesses, senior citizens, church leaders, disabled citizens and the county commissioners – objected to any proposed closure.

The CSO members and their WFSE/AFSCME local,

Local 970, worked to mobilize the community.

"We've been telling clients and taxpayers, 'If you don't get behind us, we might shut down,'" said McMurry, a social worker 3 and Local 970 recording secretary.

But the turnout and passion at the community meeting showed they didn't need much prodding to rally behind the CSO.

"They're quality people," one client said of the CSO staff.

"We're needed," said Cathey McMurry, a financial services specialist 4 and Local 970 member at the CSO. "We need to stay here."

"When I retire at the end of August, there's no one who's going to replace me," said Arthur Ruger, another Local 970 member and a WorkFirst program specialist at the CSO.

The community members said it's not practical to expect local clients to take the long, round trip bus ride to Aberdeen, or wait for twice-monthly visits from a "mobile CSO."

"I worry about jobs, I worry about job security," said the owner of the local grocery store.

There was obvious frustration that once again a small town was "taking it on the

chin" in favor of larger cities.

The possible threat to the community about the proposed closure of the CSO went public when local media got a copy of a letter from DSHS to the union informing it of the possibility.

"We never expected the letter to the union to ever get published," said Babs Roberts, the DSHS official in charge of CSOs.

In the end, the DSHS officials on hand at the community meeting appeared to back off the earlier impression that closure was a done deal.

"This is not going to happen next week," Roberts said.

At the urging of Pacific County commissioners, Roberts suggested a community task force to make sure DSHS understands the depth of the region's reliance on the South Bend CSO.

At press time, that task force coordinated by one of the county commissioners had been formed. Ruger has been appointed to it.

Roberts committed to taking the findings of that community work group to DSHS Secretary Susan Dreyfus before any decision is made.

"I don't have a decision to mind on this yet," Roberts said.

It's presumed that goes for other small CSOs rumored to be on the chopping block.



Fruit and vegetable inspectors summit in Ellensburg

About 20 Eastern Washington Department of Agriculture Fruit and Vegetable Commodity inspectors held a first-ever summit June 4 in Ellensburg to map strategies to tackle a number of worksite and job classification issues they believe are vital to building the state's record-setting \$1.91 billion in food exports.

The inspectors are a vital link in getting those exports to market – and the governor's Washington Export Initiative.

"This meeting is about the future, not the past," said Local 1299 member Dennis Rushing, an inspector in Wenatchee.

While this was the first joint meeting of its kind, the Agriculture members committed to coordinating several actions among members in different locals, including setting up a union management communication committee meeting as soon as possible to address a number of issues.

Institutions maintenance members mobilize

The administration's proposal to consolidate maintenance operations at the state institutions in Western Washington has raised the ire of WFSE/AFSCME Maintenance and Operations members who say the plan won't save money.

Their negotiations team has met with management three times to review the proposal and raise concerns.

Under the plan, DSHS would set up 15 roving teams that would travel throughout Western Washington to do painting, grounds keeping, large repairs, preventative maintenance and other maintenance tasks.

That affects 256 front-line workers. Six will be eliminated at the same time five manage-

ment positions will be added. At least 34 positions will be relocated from their institutions. Some 52 positions will be assigned to the roving teams.

"We think this will cost more money and destabilize current maintenance operations within each institution," said WFSE/AFSCME Vice President Sue Henriksen.

Each institution would keep a home team for day-to-day operations, like boilers, water, sewer and laundry.

Members at the affected institutions are encouraged to contact their representatives on their negotiations team to provide any information that might be valuable fighting off the consolidation plan.



Members of the union's DSHS Western Washington Institutions Maintenance negotiation team before a May 23 session with management. From left: Mark Zahnle, Echo Glen Children's Center, Local 1681, carpenter; Debby Lippincott, WFSE/AFSCME labor advocate; Steve Stockman, Western State Hospital, Local 793, plumber/pipetfitter/steamfitter; John Hunt, Frances Haddon Morgan Center, Local 1181, carpenter; Carol Dotlich, WFSE/AFSCME president; Al Detamore, Western State Hospital, Local 793, maintenance mechanic 2; Sue Henriksen, WFSE/AFSCME vice president; Richard Erskine, Rainier School, Local 491, electrician; Bob Harding, Rainier School, Local 491, electrician; Steve Hardy, Fircrest School, Local 341, maintenance mechanic 1; and Eugene Hunt, Fircrest School, Local 341, painter.

Interpreters reach tentative agreement on first-ever pact

At press time June 13, our Interpreters United members had just finished negotiating their first-ever contract with the state – and the first in the nation for independent contract interpreters.

Ballots were going out June 13 and due back June 27. If ratified, the Interpreters' contract would take effect July 1.



The Interpreters Bargaining Team.

The contract covers about 2,000 DSHS interpreters ("language access

providers") who help doctors communicate to patients for whom English is a second language.

The tentative contract agreement includes improved work rights and addresses economic issues for these DSHS interpreters. This comes in the wake of the 24 percent cut in the program's budget.

"For all the interpreters who

worked for years through the bureaucratic DSHS broker system, this contract is a giant step towards quality health care for limited English proficient people and recognition for interpreters," said Lili Shang, a Mandarin Chinese interpreter from Onalaska.

"This contract lays a good foundation for our future as state-contracted interpreters."

Judge blocks contracting out in Children's Administration

Thurston County Superior Court Judge Thomas McPhee May 13 granted the union's a preliminary injunction against a fast-track contracting out scheme in the Children's Administration.

McPhee blocked the DSHS Children's Administration effort to "short-cut" the Legislature and the law and

expand contracting out of Child Welfare Services case management statewide.

McPhee said the DSHS plan is not exempt from the contracting out law and circumvents 2009 legislation that calls for a two-region pilot project to test the idea, with no final decision on statewide expansion until at least 2015.

The DSHS scheme goes "far beyond" the legislation's mandate to convert and reduce current case management contracts, not institute new contracts.

The likelihood of transferring social worker duties and the possibility of massive layoffs is "significant and pervasive" in the request for



WFSE/AFSCME members join opposition to last-minute legislation (HB 2122) to undo McPhee's ruling at May 23 hearing before the House Ways and Means Committee. The bill died May 25.

proposals (RFP) that Children's Administration let out to solicit the contracting out, the judge said.

McPhee said the DSHS scheme "cannot but result in a substantial decrease in the employment" of affected social workers.

To allow the contracting

out to go forward would end run the thoughtful, four-year study the Legislature contemplated, the judge said.

The injunction remains until DSHS complies with the law.

The union's full lawsuit and unfair labor practice complaint will still go forward.

Children's members vote 'No Confidence' in their deputy secretary

DSHS Children's Administration members delivered a sobering message June 6 when they voted "no confidence" in their DSHS deputy secretary, Denise Revels Robinson.

In the ballot count conducted by

the election committee at Federation Headquarters in Olympia, the results were:

No Confidence – 772 (98.6%)
Confidence – 11 (1.4%)

There were 66 ballots voided. That constitutes an impressive 37.4 percent return rate/voter turnout of the 2,273 Children's Administration bargaining unit members eligible to vote.

With these results, the members' Task Force for Management Accountability in Children's Administration will meet to map what next steps to take.

UW guilty

Patient Access Center (PAC) members had bargaining rights stripped

The union has won a major victory for the dedicated Local 1488 call center members at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle who were forcibly stripped of their bargaining rights in a call center consolidation – and threatened with losing their jobs if they didn't go along.

A hearing examiner for the Public Employment Relations Commission May 25 found the University of Washington guilty of an unfair labor practice.

The UW illegally refused to bargain the effects of the consolidation, including the removal of the Federation-represented patient services specialists' work from the Patient Access Center (or PAC) unit to non-union positions at a new call center location in downtown Seattle, according to the decision. There were about 25 patient services specialists in the bargaining unit at Harborview.

Because of the egregious nature of the UW's violation, the hearing examiner ordered the "extraordinary" remedy of interest arbitration within 60 days if the UW and union



In the wake of the PAC unit ULP win, Local 1488 members took on more unfairness with a June 10 march in support of fired activist James Stephen Wilson.

don't reach agreement in bargaining over the effects of the consolidation.

The university on June 13 appealed the unfair labor practice ruling.

The UW moved the workers from the PAC unit at Harborview to the new Virtual Front Desk call center in downtown Seattle. All were moved by Nov. 15, 2010; the UW told the employees Oct. 1 "they were no longer union members and no longer enjoyed any of the rights and benefits contained in the parties' collective bargaining agreement."

Under the PERC order, the UW must return the patient services specialists, their positions and their work to the bargaining unit. And the UW must bargain the effects that its consolidation decision had on the terms and conditions of employment for the patient services specialists.

Settlement reached on last furlough challenges

WFSE/AFSCME and the state on June 3 reached a settlement on the union's unfair labor practice complaint and grievance over the initial furloughs imposed by the Legislature that started in July 2010.

The agreement came as the parties headed into a hearing on the ULP complaint at the Public Employment Relations Commission.

The settlement's impact is

on the future.

If this ever happens again, the state and union agree to work to advise the Legislature of the need for adequate time to bargain. The state commits to getting all information requested as soon as possible to the union, with accuracy a priority. The state will also notify the union of any changes to mandatory subjects of bargaining caused by similar legislation in the future. And the

state commits to work with the union on bargaining over furlough issues as quickly as possible.

The union and state agreed in the settlement that the 2010 furlough law "was passed in extraordinary circumstances, which compressed the time for the bargaining process and led to a dispute over whether there was an unreasonable delay in bargaining and responding to WFSE's information request."

The settlement agreement came in the wake of a judge's May 6 ruling upholding the furloughs.

Social worker name change delayed until August to allow impact bargaining

State Department of Personnel Director Eva Santos has delayed until August approval of the name change to the social worker series. It came thanks to letters and phone calls from social workers and a union presentation.

Santos took the action May 12 after WFSE/AFSCME Executive Director Greg Devereux requested the postponement to allow required bargaining over the impacts of the name change and the new Social Worker title protection bill that the governor signed into law April 15. That law, ESSB 5020, takes effect Jan. 1, 2012.

DSHS asked Santos to approve the name change from social worker to social service case specialist. The agency argues the new title is broader and better encompasses the work performed by the current social workers.

But Devereux said bargaining over the impacts of the name change, especially in light of ESSB 5020, needs to take place first.

"Not only is the change proposed here today a seismic mental shift for our members, we also believe absent impact and contractual bargaining, it violates the (contract)," Devereux said.

The postponement allows bargaining over the impact of the separate legislation, too.

ESSB 5020 says that a person may only use the designation of "social worker" if the person is licensed by the Department of Health as a social worker, or has graduated with at least a bachelor's degree from a social work educational program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Thanks to member testimony and communications with legislators, ESSB 5020 "grandfathered" in current state social workers. So the new certification requirement does not apply to state social workers on the job before Jan. 1, 2012, so long as the person stays employed with the state.

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 Gary ALEXANDER (R-5)
 Glenn ANDERSON (R-5)
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 Katrina ASSAY (R-30)
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 Dave UPTEGROVE (D-33)
 Kevin Van De WEGE (D-24)
 Maureen WALSH (R-13)
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 J.T. WILCOX (R-2)
 Sharon WYLLIE (D-49)
 Hans ZEIGER (R-25)

Now it's time to hold them accountable

Words almost can't describe how challenging this legislative session was.

"There were not any huge positive gains, but I would say the union made a huge difference in limiting a lot of the collateral damage," said WFSE/AFSCME Executive Director Greg Devereux.

If not for the union, there'd be more unwise mergers, more institutions closing, and more contracting out.

One thing is for sure: Without your tireless hard

work from Day 1, it could have been worse. You made it clear this fight was never about your personal comfort, it was about comforting and protecting those who otherwise would be steamrolled by this economy. You are this state's heroes, our true champions.

The Legislature adjourned its 30-day special session May 25 after passing a recession-affected budget and an improved but not perfect bill creating the new Depart-

ment of Enterprise Services and Consolidated Technology Services agency.

That bill, ESSB 5931, passed with collective bargaining intact but sacrificed competitive contracting.

The budget honors our contracts and reforms service delivery for interpreters. But it includes downsizing, closures and contracting out.

It's left for you to judge.

On these two pages are a series of roll call votes or summaries of key votes affecting



Grassroots member events like this May 19 "Hotdogs & Hotlines" event in Cheney helped mitigate the damage from the 2011 Legislature.

you. We hope you find it informative – and helps in your efforts to hold legislators accountable.

It's not a voting record. That will come next spring.

State operating budget

(Second Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1087)

This recession-affected budget approves our collective bargaining contracts, calls for management reductions and provides funding and reform for Medical Interpreters. It also fast-tracks closure of Maple Lane School, and calls for staff reductions at Children's, JRA and Corrections. Other bills to implement the budget are reported on separately.

House vote on Third Reading 5/24/11 (1st Special Session 2011)

Yeas: 54 Nays: 42 Absent: 0 Excused: 2

Voting Yea (54): Representatives Appleton, Billig, Blake, Carlyle, Clibborn, Cody, Darneille, Dickerson, Dunshoe, Eddy, Finn, Fitzgibbon, Frockt, Goodman, Green, Haigh, Hasegawa, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jinkins, Kagi, Kelley, Kenney, Kirby, Ladenburg, Lytton, Maxwell, McCoy, Miloscia, Moeller, Morris, Moscoso, Ormsby, Orwall, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Probst, Reykdal, Roberts, Rolfes, Ryu, Santos, Seakuist, Sells, Springer, Stanford, Sullivan, Takko, Tharinger, Updegrove, Van De Wege, and Mr. Speaker Chopp.

Voting Nay (42): Representatives Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Armstrong, Assay, Bailey, Buys, Chandler, Condotta, Crouse, Dahlquist, Dammeier, DeBolt, Fagan, Haler, Hargrove, Harris, Hinkle, Hope, Johnson, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, Lias, Nealey, Orcutt, Overstreet, Parker, Pearson, Rivers, Rodne, Ross, Shea, Schmick, Short, Smith, Taylor, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, Wyllie, and Zeiger.

Excused (2): Representatives Angel and McCune.

Senate vote on Third Reading 5/25/11 (1st Special Session 2011)

Yeas: 34 Nays: 13 Absent: 0 Excused: 2

Voting Yea (34): Senators Baumgartner, Becker, Brown, Conway, Eide, Fraser, Hargrove, Harper, Hatfield, Haugen, Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Kastama, Keiser, Klinger, King, Kline, Kohl-Welless, McAuliffe, Morton, Murray, Nelson, Parlette, Prentice, Pridemore, Ranker, Regala, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Swecker, Tom, White, and Zarelli.

Voting Nay (13): Senators Baxter, Carrell, Chase, Delvin, Erickson, Fain, Hill, Holmquist Newbury, Litzow, Pflug, Roach, Sheldon, and Stevens.

Excused (2): Senators Benton and Shin.

Reorganizing and streamlining central service functions, powers, and duties of state government

("DES/CTS" bill - Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5931)

Creates the new Department of Enterprise Services and Consolidated Technology Services agency. ESSB 5931 passed with collective bargaining intact but sacrificed competitive contracting by expressly prohibiting state employees from competing for work historically performed by them in the newly formed Department of Enterprise Services (DES). Consolidated Technology Services will fall under DES.

House vote on Third Reading 5/25/11 (1st Special Session 2011)

Yeas: 54 Nays: 42 Absent: 0 Excused: 2

Voting Yea (54): Representatives Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Angel, Bailey, Buys, Carlyle, Chandler, Clibborn, Condotta, Dammeier, Darneille, DeBolt, Eddy, Fagan, Finn, Haigh, Haler, Hargrove, Harris, Hudgins, Hunter, Hurst, Johnson, Kelley, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, Maxwell, Morris, Nealey, Orcutt, Overstreet, Parker, Pearson, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Rivers, Rodne, Ross, Seakuist, Shea, Schmick, Short, Smith, Springer, Sullivan, Taylor, Van De Wege, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, and Mr. Speaker Chopp.

Voting Nay (42): Representatives Appleton, Armstrong, Assay, Billig, Blake, Cody, Dahlquist, Dickerson, Dunshoe, Fitzgibbon, Frockt, Goodman, Green, Hasegawa, Hinkle, Hope, Hunt, Jinkins, Kagi, Kenney, Kirby, Ladenburg, Lias, Lytton, McCoy, Miloscia, Moeller, Moscoso, Ormsby, Orwall, Probst, Reykdal, Roberts, Rolfes, Ryu, Santos, Sells, Stanford, Tharinger, Updegrove, Wyllie, and Zeiger.

Excused (2): Representatives Crouse and McCune.

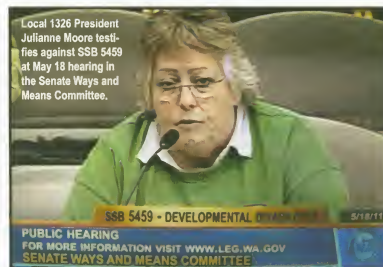
Senate vote on Final Passage 5/25/11 (1st Special Session 2011)

Yeas: 31 Nays: 15 Absent: 0 Excused: 3

Voting Yea (31): Senators Baumgartner, Baxter, Becker, Brown, Carrell, Delvin, Eide, Erickson, Fain, Hargrove, Hatfield, Haugen, Hewitt, Hill, Holmquist Newbury, Honeyford, Kastama, King, Litzow, Parlette, Pflug, Prentice, Pridemore, Regala, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Sheldon, Stevens, Swecker, Tom, and Zarelli.

Voting Nay (15): Senators Chase, Conway, Fraser, Harper, Keiser, Klinger, Kline, Kohl-Welless, McAuliffe, Morton, Murray, Nelson, Ranker, Roach, and White.

Excused (3): Senators Benton, Hobbs, and Shin.



Regarding services for people with developmental disabilities

(Second Substituted Senate Bill 5459)

Residential habilitation centers (RHC) consolidation/closure bill that closes Frances Haddon Morgan Center by Dec. 31, freezes admissions to Yakima Valley School and converts it to a SOLA when its population reaches 16 (two cottages will be converted to SOLAs). It retains the permanent status of the other RHCs: Lakeland Village, Fircrest School and Rainier School.

House vote on Third Reading 5/25/11 (1st Special Session 2011)

Yeas: 63 Nays: 33 Absent: 0 Excused: 2

Voting Yea (63): Representatives Anderson, Armstrong, Assay, Bailey, Billig, Blake, Carlyle, Chandler, Clibborn, Cody, Condotta, Darneille, Dickerson, Dunshoe, Eddy, Finn, Fitzgibbon, Green, Haigh, Haler, Hargrove, Harris, Hinkle, Hope, Hudgins, Hunter, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Kelley, Kenney, Klippert, Kristiansen, Lytton, Maxwell, Miloscia, Moeller, Morris, Nealey, Orcutt, Orwall, Pearson, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Probst, Rivers, Roberts, Rodne, Ross, Santos, Seakuist, Smith, Springer, Sullivan, Takko, Taylor, Tharinger, Updegrove, Van De Wege, Walsh, Warnick, Wyllie, and Mr. Speaker Chopp.

Excused (2): Representatives Crouse and McCune.

Senate vote on Final Passage 5/25/11 (1st Special Session 2011)

Yeas: 32 Nays: 13 Absent: 0 Excused: 4

Voting Yea (32): Senators Baumgartner, Brown, Delvin, Eide, Erickson, Fain, Fraser, Hargrove, Harper, Hatfield, Haugen, Hewitt, Hill, Holmquist Newbury, Kastama, Keiser, King, Kline, Kohl-Welless, Litzow, McAuliffe, Murray, Parlette, Pflug, Prentice, Ranker, Regala, Stevens, Swecker, Tom, White, and Zarelli.

Voting Nay (13): Senators Baxter, Becker, Carrell, Chase, Conway, Honeyford, Klinger, Morton, Pridemore, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler, and Sheldon.

Excused (4): Senators Benton, Hobbs, Nelson, and Shin.

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ROLL CALLS, continued

Addressing criminal justice cost savings (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5891)

In part - tolling for offenders on community supervision is eliminated; the length of supervision will run continuously regardless of whether an offender is incarcerated. Tolling continues for sex offenders subject to community supervision.

House vote on Third Reading 5/24/11 (1st Special Session 2011)

Yeas: 50 Nays: 43 Absent: 0 Excused: 5

Voting Yea (50): Representatives Appleton, Billig, Blake, Carlyle, Clibborn, Cody, Darnelle, Dickerson, Dunshee, Eddy, Fitzgibbon, Froct, Goodman, Green, Haigh, Hasegawa, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Jinkins, Kagi, Kelley, Kenney, Kirby, Ladenburg, Lias, Lytton, Maxwell, McCoy, Miloscia, Moeller, Moscoss, Ormsby, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Reykdal, Roberts, Rolles, Ryu, Seagquist, Sells, Springer, Stanford, Sullivan, Takko, Tharinger, Upthegrove, Van De Wege, Wylie, and Mr. Speaker Chopp.

Voting Nay (43): Representatives Ahern, Alexander, Armstrong, Asay, Bailey, Buys, Chandler, Condotta, Dahlquist, Dammeyer, DeBolt, Fagan, Finn, Haler, Hargrove, Harris, Hinkle, Hoke, Hurst, Johnson, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, Nealey, Orcutt, Orwall, Overstreet, Parker, Pearson, Probst, Rivers, Rodne, Ross, Santos, Shea, Schmirck, Short, Smith, Taylor, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, and Zeiger.

Excused (5): Representatives Anderson, Angel, Crouse, McCune, and Morris.

Senate vote on Final Passage 5/25/11 (1st Special Session 2011)

Yeas: 26 Nays: 20 Absent: 0 Excused: 3

Voting Yea (26): Senators Brown, Carrell, Eide, Fraser, Hargrove, Harper, Hatfield, Haugen, Hewitt, Hobbs, Kastama, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Murray, Prentice, Ranker, Regala, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Stevens, Swecker, Tom, White, and Zarelli.

Voting Nay (20): Senators Baumgartner, Baxter, Becker, Chase, Conway, Delvin, Erickson, Finn, Hill, Holmquist Newby, Honeyford, Kilmer, King, Litzow, Morton, Parlette, Pflug, Priddy, Pridemore, Roach, and Sheldon.

Excused (3): Senators Benton, Nelson, and Shin.

Other key Corrections votes:

• **ESB 5907** -- Omnibus Corrections safety bill requiring CCO representation on new statewide safety committee and a report on Community Corrections safety by 11/1/11. Passed the Senate 4/9/11, 49-0. Passed House 4/19/11, 97-0 with 1 excused. Signed into law 5/5/11.

• **ESHB 1041** -- Allowing Community Corrections officers to carry firearms off duty, with proper training and with some exceptions. Passed the Senate 4/5/11, 48-0, with 1 excused. Passed House 4/13/11, 92-4 with 1 excused. Signed into law 5/3/11.

Repealing PERS 1 COLAs (Substitute House Bill 2021)

House vote on final passage 4/21/11

Yeas: 52 Nays: 45 Absent: 0 Excused: 1

Voting Yea (52): Representatives Alexander, Anderson, Appleton, Billig, Blake, Carlyle, Clibborn, Cody, Darnelle, Dickerson, Dunshee, Eddy, Finn, Fitzgibbon, Froct, Goodman, Green, Haigh, Hasegawa, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Jinkins, Kagi, Kelley, Kenney, Kirby, Ladenburg, Lias, Lytton, Maxwell, McCoy, Moeller, Morris, Moscoss, Ormsby, Orwall, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Probst, Roberts, Rolles, Santos, Seagquist, Springer, Stanford, Sullivan, Takko, Tharinger, Upthegrove, Van De Wege, and Mr. Speaker Chopp.

Voting Nay (45): Representatives Ahern, Angel, Armstrong, Asay, Bailey, Buys, Chandler, Condotta, Dahlquist, Dammeyer, DeBolt, Fagan, Haler, Hargrove, Harris, Hinkle, Hoke, Hunt, Johnson, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, McCune, Miloscia, Nealey, Orcutt, Overstreet, Parker, Pearson, Reykdal, Rivers, Rodne, Ross, Ryu, Sells, Shea, Schmirck, Short, Smith, Taylor, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, Wylie, and Zeiger.

Excused (1): Representative Crouse

Senate vote on final passage 4/22/11

Yeas: 28 Nays: 17 Absent: 1 Excused: 3

Voting Yea (28): Senators Becker, Brown, Chase, Eide, Erickson, Hargrove, Hatfield, Hewitt, Hobbs, Kastama, Kilmer, King, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Litzow, Morton, Murray, Pflug, Prentice, Pridemore, Regala, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Shin, Stevens, Tom, White, and Zarelli.

Voting Nay (17): Senators Baumgartner, Baxter, Benton, Conway, Finn, Fraser, Harper, Hurst, Jinkins, Kagi, Kelley, Kenney, Kirby, Ladenburg, Lias, Lytton, Maxwell, McCoy, Moeller, Morris, Moscoss, Ormsby, Orwall, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Probst, Roberts, Rolles, Santos, Seagquist, Springer, Stanford, Sullivan, Takko, Tharinger, Upthegrove, Van De Wege, and Mr. Speaker Chopp.

Excused (3): Senators Carrell, Delvin, and Parlette

Concerning recreation access on state lands (Second Substitute Senate Bill 5622)

Creates the Discover Pass to replace \$70 million cut for Parks, Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources through user fees. Governor signed into law on May 12.

Senate vote on Third Reading 4/20/11



Local 1466 President Brian Yearout (left) shakes governor's hand after she signed the Discover Pass bill (2SSB 5622) into law May 12.

Yeas: 33 Nays: 14 Absent: 1 Excused: 1

Voting Yea (33): Senators Becker, Brown, Carrell, Chase, Conway, Eide, Finn, Fraser, Hargrove, Harper, Hatfield, Haugen, Hewitt, Hill, Keiser, Kilmer, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Litzow, McAuliffe, Murray, Nelson, Prentice, Pridemore, Ranker, Regala, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Shin, Stevens, Swecker, Tom, and White.

Voting Nay (14): Senators Baumgartner, Baxter, Benton, Delvin, Erickson, Hobbs, Holmquist Newby, Honeyford, Kastama, King, Morton, Pflug, Roach, and Sheldon.

Absent (1): Senator Zarelli. Excused (1): Senator Parlette.

House vote on Third Reading 4/21/11

Yeas: 55 Nays: 42 Absent: 0 Excused: 1

Voting Yea (55): Representatives Appleton, Billig, Blake, Carlyle, Clibborn, Cody, Darnelle, Dickerson, Dunshee, Eddy, Finn, Fitzgibbon, Froct, Goodman, Green, Haigh, Hasegawa, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Hurst, Jinkins, Kagi, Kelley, Kenney, Kirby, Ladenburg, Lias, Lytton, Maxwell, McCoy, Miloscia, Moeller, Morris, Moscoss, Ormsby, Orwall, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Reykdal, Roberts, Rolles, Ryu, Santos, Seagquist, Sells, Springer, Stanford, Sullivan, Takko, Tharinger, Upthegrove, Van De Wege, Wylie, and Mr. Speaker Chopp.

Voting Nay (42): Representatives Ahern, Alexander, Anderson, Angel, Armstrong, Asay, Bailey, Buys, Chandler, Condotta, Dahlquist, Dammeyer, DeBolt, Fagan, Haler, Hargrove, Harris, Hinkle, Hoke, Johnson, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, McCune, Nealey, Orcutt, Overstreet, Parker, Pearson, Probst, Rivers, Rodne, Ross, Shea, Schmirck, Short, Smith, Taylor, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, and Zeiger.

Excused (1): Representative Crouse.

Other key vote:

• **SSB 5385** -- Increasing revenue to state wildlife account. Passed Senate 4/20/11, 38-8 with 3 excused. Passed House 4/21/11, 55-42 with 1 excused. Signed into law 5/12/11.

House test vote on closing tax loopholes (Substitute House Bill 2078)

House vote on final passage 5/24/11

Yeas: 52 Nays: 42 Absent: 0 Excused: 4

Voting Yea (52): Representatives Appleton, Billig, Blake, Carlyle, Clibborn, Cody, Darnelle, Dickerson, Dunshee, Eddy, Finn, Fitzgibbon, Froct, Goodman, Green, Haigh, Hasegawa, Hudgins, Hunt, Hunter, Jinkins, Kagi, Kelley, Kirby, Ladenburg, Lias, Lytton, Maxwell, McCoy, Moeller, Morris, Moscoss, Ormsby, Orwall, Pedersen, Pettigrew, Probst, Reykdal, Roberts, Rolles, Ryu, Santos, Seagquist, Sells, Springer, Stanford, Sullivan, Takko, Tharinger, Upthegrove, Van De Wege, and Mr. Speaker Chopp.

Voting Nay (42): Representatives Ahern, Alexander, Armstrong, Asay, Bailey, Buys, Chandler, Condotta, Dahlquist, Dammeyer, DeBolt, Fagan, Haler, Hargrove, Harris, Hinkle, Hoke, Hunt, Johnson, Kelley, Klippert, Kretz, Kristiansen, Miloscia, Nealey, Orcutt, Overstreet, Parker, Pearson, Rivers, Rodne, Ross, Shea, Schmirck, Short, Smith, Taylor, Walsh, Warnick, Wilcox, Wylie, and Zeiger.

Excused (4): Representatives Anderson, Angel, Crouse, and McCune

Other key votes:

• **2ESB 5773** -- Health Savings Accounts/high-deductible health plans for state employees. Passed House 5/10/11, 80-15 with 3 excused. Passed Senate 5/16/11, 32-9 with 3 absent and 5 excused. Signed into law 5/31/11.

• **HB 2070** -- Holding pensions harmless from temporary salary reductions. Passed Senate 5/2/11, 90-4 with 4 excused. Passed Senate 5/9/11 40-4, with 5 excused. Signed into law 5/31/11.

• **ESSB 5860** -- Legislation backing our negotiated contracts, including agreements reached with UW and WSU with flexibility on finding 3% reductions; also prohibits pay raises for WMS and EMS workers. Passed Senate 5/25/11, 36-10 with 3 excused. Passed House 5/25/11, 72-24 with 2 excused.

• **2SHB 1179** -- Clarifying state ethics laws to allow legislators to meet with state employees at the workplace. Passed House 3/5/11, 97-0 with 1 excused. Passed Senate 4/5/11, 49-0. Signed into law 4/14/11.

• **ESHB 1175** -- Transportation Budget. Passed Senate 4/20/11, 39-9 with 1 excused. Passed House 4/22/11, 87-9 with 2 excused. Signed into law with partial veto 5/16/11.

• **ESSB 5605** -- Limiting liability for DSHS and DOC workers. Passed Senate 3/7/11, 40-9. It did not have a House vote in 2011.

Members of the Senate

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Addressing workers' compensation system (Engrossed House Bill 2123)

This compromise workers' compensation bill supported by the governor and legislative leaders of both parties institutes "structured settlements" for seriously injured workers who will need to turn to other public safety net services if the settlements run out or aren't enough.

House vote on Third Reading 5/23/11 (1st Special Session 2011)

Yeas: 69 Nays: 26 Excused: 3

Senate vote on Final Passage 5/23/11 (1st Special Session 2011)

Yeas: 35 Nays: 12 Excused: 2

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Veterans Homes

The WDVA manages three facilities throughout the state, where veterans are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve, in distinctive settings that all provide a sense of belonging unique to veterans.

- Soldiers Home - Orting
- Veterans Home - Retsil
- Spokane Veterans Home

Call 1-877-VETS-R-US.

Veterans Services

Field Service Network (FSN). WDVA ranks among the nation's leaders in the satisfaction of veterans' claims submitted to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In fiscal year 2009-2010 alone, 17,038 claims for entitlements were submitted through the WDVA FSN:

- PTSD Counseling
- Homeless Veterans Services
- Transitional housing and employment services
- Outreach to nursing homes to ensure clientele entitlements are used
- Veterans Estate Management Program
- Veterans' Incarceration Project (King, Pierce, Thurston and Clark counties)

Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB)

WDVA and ESD employees are embedded in the WTB and Transition Assistance Office to provide service coordination BEFORE the service member is discharged. Contact Steven Gill at WDVA, 360-725-2235 or at Joint Base Lewis McChord, 253-966-4285.

Veterans Innovations Program (VIP)

Together, the Defenders Fund and Competitive Grant Program to assist Washington National Guard/Reserve veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families with financial and employment assistance. Contact Ric Price at 360-725-2236.

Basic Health Plan

Veterans of current war operations are eligible for BHP benefits while waiting for VA benefits to kick in or when VA facilities are not conveniently located. Contact Ric Price at 360-725-2236.

Veterans Conservation Corps

Veterans living with PTSD or other effects from their service can participate in over 70 habitat restoration programs such as salmon recovery, replacing forests, and cleaning up streams. Contact Mark Fischer at 360-725-2224.

Incarcerated Veterans Re-Entry Services (IVRS)

Veterans are offered reduced sentences in exchange for drug and alcohol treatment and mental health services, housing and employment. This program is offered in King, Pierce, Clark, and Thurston counties. Contact Donald Lachman at 206-966-4285.

Veterans Estate Management Program (VEMP)

This homeless prevention program is available to service members who have been declared incompetent by the VA or SSA to manage their affairs. Contact Steven Gill at 360-725-2236 or 253-966-4285.

Advocating for veterans

Olympia Local 443 member **Tim Fox**, a Vietnam-era and Gulf War veteran who now works as an IT specialist with the Department of Licensing, believes everyone can be an advocate for veterans.

Fox's tour of duty took him from stateside to the Pacific and European theaters and landed him at Fort Lewis-McChord where he retired with a 40 percent disability.

His disability qualified him for vocational rehabilitation and Fox took advantage of the opportunity earning a college degree in the computer field.

While attending Pierce College at Fort Lewis, Fox participated in a work-study program at American Lake, helping other veterans connect to benefits.

Putting his career counseling experience to work, Tim helped process veterans until he graduated and moved on to work for Intel before joining the state work force.

"The old days were pretty dismal," Fox said. "A veteran seeking benefits would be handed a huge stack of paperwork and be told to fill it out. A lot of veterans failed



Tim Fox at the Winged Victory statue, Capitol Campus.

"Today, the process is

simple. Pick up the phone and call the Department of Veteran Affairs."

to receive the benefits and services they earned."

Fox continues to be an advocate for veterans both in the work place and in his community.

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Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs

Agency seeks to reach out to as many veterans and families as possible

One in nine Washington state residents – and likely state employees – and WFSE/AFSCME members – is a veteran, and connecting them to earned benefits is the primary focus of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Steve Gill, a veteran himself, recently assumed duties as the administrator for Veterans Services Division at DVA after serving in the department as a benefits assistant, program manager for estate management in Olympia, and the Transitioning Warrior Program at Fort Lewis.

He sees state employees and union members as an important connection in identifying veterans and families in need of services.

WFSE/AFSCME members are in a unique position to help.

At work and in our communities, union members are actively engaged. Knowing what to ask and how to connect veterans with services and benefits can make a difference in

the quality of lives.

At work:

WDVA works with other Washington state agencies to improve access to service for veterans and their families by attempting to connect veterans with the state, federal and local benefits and entitlements earned through their service to our country.

Consider how your job might provide an opportunity to help a veteran and their family simply by asking if they have served and helping them connect with DVA.

In our communities:

WDVA enlists the support of Veterans Service Organizations, faith communities and local agencies to extend their reach.

Whatever your community connection, take the opportunity to direct veterans and their families to WDVA for help.

These partnerships are a large part of the solution to better serving those who serve!

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Makes a difference in the lives of veterans and their families:

State Lottery raising money!

Beginning on Labor Day 2011 and running until Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, the Washington State Lottery will be offering the public a special opportunity to benefit veterans and their families through the Veterans Innovations Program (VIP). Watch for it!

Cruise with an Armed Forces

License Plate

If you served or are a family member of a service member, you are eligible to purchase a specialized Armed Forces plate at any Vehicle Licensing Office. The funds will help support services for homeless veterans; and maintenance of the future state veterans' cemetery in Eastern Washington.

Call 1-800-562-0132, option 1 for more information.

Combined Fund Drive deductions

If you work in an agency that uses the Washington State Combined Fund Drive (CFD), you can donate that way (it's 0456860 on the donation form). Funds donated are divided three ways:

- The Stewardship Fund - support for the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Eastern Washington (Medical Lake) and the Homeless Veterans Program to assist with immediate needs such as food, access to shelter, clothing, and transportation.
- The Veterans Innovations Program (see left column).
- The Betterment Fund Accounts at the veterans homes allow residents to go on outings, such as a special lunch or the movies. This also provides funds for family picnics or special projects.

Or for information on how to give directly:

- Eastern Washington Veterans Cemetery: http://www.dva.wa.gov/eastern_wa_vet_cemetery.html or by mail to Veterans Stewardship Account / State Veterans Cemetery, C/O WDVA, PO Box 41150, Olympia, WA 98504
- Support Veterans in Veterans Homes: http://www.dva.wa.gov/donation_ideas.html
- Help for Homeless Veterans: Types of assistance provided include; emergency food, shelter, transportation or other needs. Mail your donation to: Veterans Stewardship Account / Homeless Veterans Program, C/O WDVA, PO Box 41150, Olympia, WA 98504

PTSD COUNSELING SERVICES

**24 HOUR VA CRISIS HOTLINE
1-800-273-TALK(8255)**

PTSD Director Tom Schumacher
360-725-2226 or 1-800-562-2308

The Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Program attempts to create community-based avenues to counseling service that are less formal in nature, offering the highest level of confidentiality possible.